GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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WATER AVAILABILITY IN GANGA RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantum of water flowing in the Ganga river;

(b) the quantum of water used for irrigation, drinking and industrial purposes, separately;

(c) the quantum of unutilized water which falls in the ocean; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for gainful utilization of water?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) As per the assessment made by Central Water Commission, the average annual flow in Ganga basin is assessed as 525 billion cubic meter (BCM) out of which 250 BCM is estimated to be utilizable.

The utilization assessed for various purposes for the year 2000 is as under:-

(i)	Irrigation	-	150764 million cubic metre
(ii)	Drinking	-	7900 million cubic metre
(iii)	Industries (including thermal & nuclear power stations)	-	5870 million cubic metre

(d) A number of water resources projects have been taken up and are proposed by the concerned State Governments for optimum utilization of the waters of the river Ganga. Besides Government of India has also formulated National Perspective Plan envisaging interlinking of rivers for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit basins/areas.